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Maryland Man Sentenced for Defrauding Children's Hospital

Washington, D.C. - Ademola Adeptu, 24, of Springdale, Maryland, was sentenced to four months in a halfway house and five years of probation for defrauding the Children's National Medical Center ("Children's"), U.S. Attorney Ronald C. Machen Jr., U.S. Secret Service Special Agent in Charge Jeffrey W. Irvine, Washington Field Office, and Metropolitan Police Department Chief Cathy Lanier announced today. The Honorable Paul L. Friedman of the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia also ordered that Adeptu repay Children's \$42,390, perform 100 hours of community service, and forfeit a vehicle purchased with proceeds of the fraud.

According to the factual proffer agreed to by Adeptu, between August 2008 and April 2009, Adeptu worked in the finance department of Children's. During that time, Adeptu submitted six false invoices claiming payment due in the amount of \$95,420 for medical services rendered to Children's. When the first three checks from Children's could not be cashed because of the payee he had selected, Adeptu changed the payee on the false invoices to a corporate account to which he had access. Using this method, Adeptu was able to cash two checks from Children's totaling \$42,390. Among other items, Adeptu purchased a 2002 Land Rover Freelander SE with the proceeds of his crime.

In announcing the sentence, U.S. Attorney Machen, U.S. Secret Service Special Agent in Charge Irvine, and MPD Chief Lanier praised the hard work of Secret Service Special Agent Kevin Rylach and MPD Detective Richard Espinosa. They also acknowledged the assistance of Paralegal Specialist Carolyn Cody, and the efforts of Assistant U.S. Attorneys Diane Lucas and Thomas E. Zeno, who prosecuted this case.

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